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article in Nevada's Record Courier on PTP proposed penalty. the media didn't even call us for this one, just used the press release as is...

Feds seek \$76,800 from developer

Staff reports

March 9, 2005

A Minden developer is being asked to pay \$76,800 to resolve violations of the federal Clean Water Act by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

According to the EPA, the violations were observed during construction of a 63-acre housing development on tribal lands in Douglas County.

In December 2003, PTP Inc. was ordered to correct violations of federal stormwater requirements discovered during an inspection of the Pine View Estates, a 240-single-family home subdivision located approximately seven miles southeast of Gardnerville. Officials allegedly discovered that PTP had been discharging polluted stormwater into the nearby Carson River's East Fork without a permit since 1999.

In addition to the penalty, PTP was ordered to correct the violations, submit a revised pollution prevention plan, and provide documentation indicating that the violations had been corrected, according to Laura Gentile of the EPA's San Francisco office. During a November 2003 inspection, the EPA discovered that PTP had not installed any required control measures to stop pollutants from flowing into the river during construction. The river is located approximately three miles from the site. The EPA also noted that the facility had not stabilized several acres of soil, which is required to prevent erosion and is particularly critical during the rainy season.

"Runoff from construction projects can pose a serious threat to water quality," said Alexis Strauss, the director of the EPA's water division for the Pacific Southwest region.

When it rains, water flows through streets, lawns and parks. Stormwater runs untreated directly into the nearest lake or river. According to the EPA, runoff from construction sites can pick up pollutants such as sediment and debris and carry these pollutants directly into the nearest body of water. Large amounts of sediment flowing into waterways can destroy aquatic habitats, and erode stream banks.

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